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**SEARCH FOR GUIDED MISSILE ACTIVITY AND ITEMS OF INTELLIGENCE
INTEREST ALONG THE BIRA-SMIDOVICH SECTION OF THE
TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILROAD, SOVIET FAR EAST**

25X1 The 125-kilometer section of the Trans-Siberian Railroad between
Bira (49-00N 132-28E) and Smidovich (48-36N 133-49E) was covered by fair
quality KEYHOLE photography on [REDACTED] Most
25X1 of this area had been covered by good quality TALENT photography of
[REDACTED]

The photography of this area was studied and compared primarily to
locate and describe any unidentified, unusual installations that might pos-
sibly be related to guided missile activity, and also to locate and identify
any items of intelligence significance.

In the approximately 2,400-square-nautical-mile area covered by the
accompanying photomosaic, no unidentified, unusual installations were
observed that appeared to bear any relation to the Soviet guided missile
program.

Items of intelligence interest were observed at the following locations.
They are numbered to correspond to the numbers on the accompanying
photomosaic.

LOCATION

ITEM

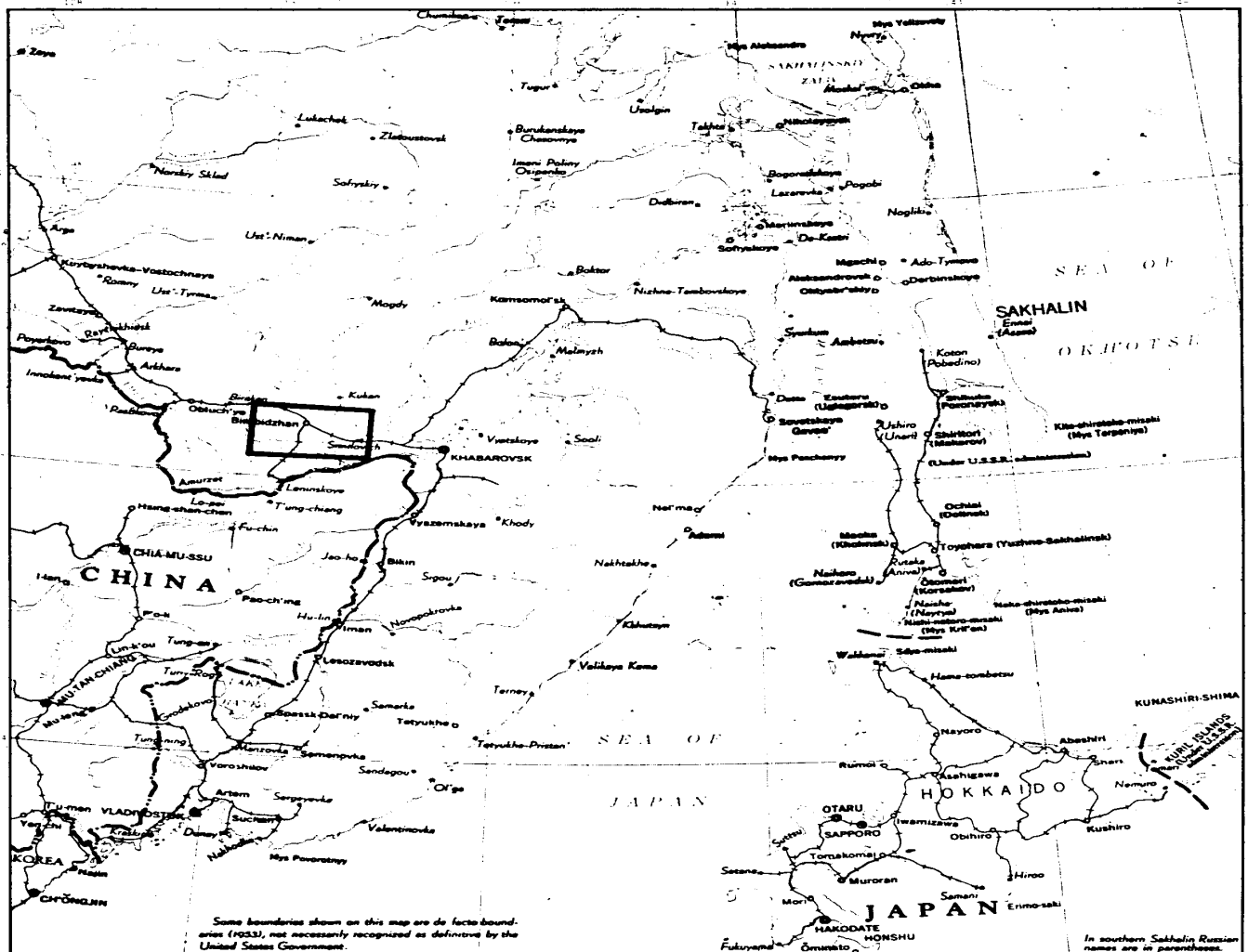
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|------|----------------|---|
| 25X1 | 1. BIRA | Railroad yards and shops [REDACTED]
Sawmill and Log storage area. A narrow-gauge
railroad, at least 25 km long leads north to
extensive logging areas. |
| | 2. KURGA | Sawmill and log storage area.
A narrow-gauge railroad, at least 30 km long
leads NE to extensive logging areas. |
| | 3. BIROBIDZHAN | This important military, transportation and
industrial center was cloud-covered on 1960
KEYHOLE photography, but was covered by
excellent TALENT photography in 1958. Some
of the intelligence items observed include the
following: |

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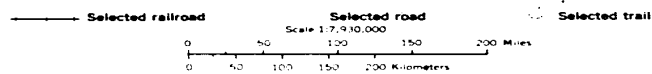
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FIGURE 1. LOCATION MAP. This map indicates the area shown on the photomosaic.



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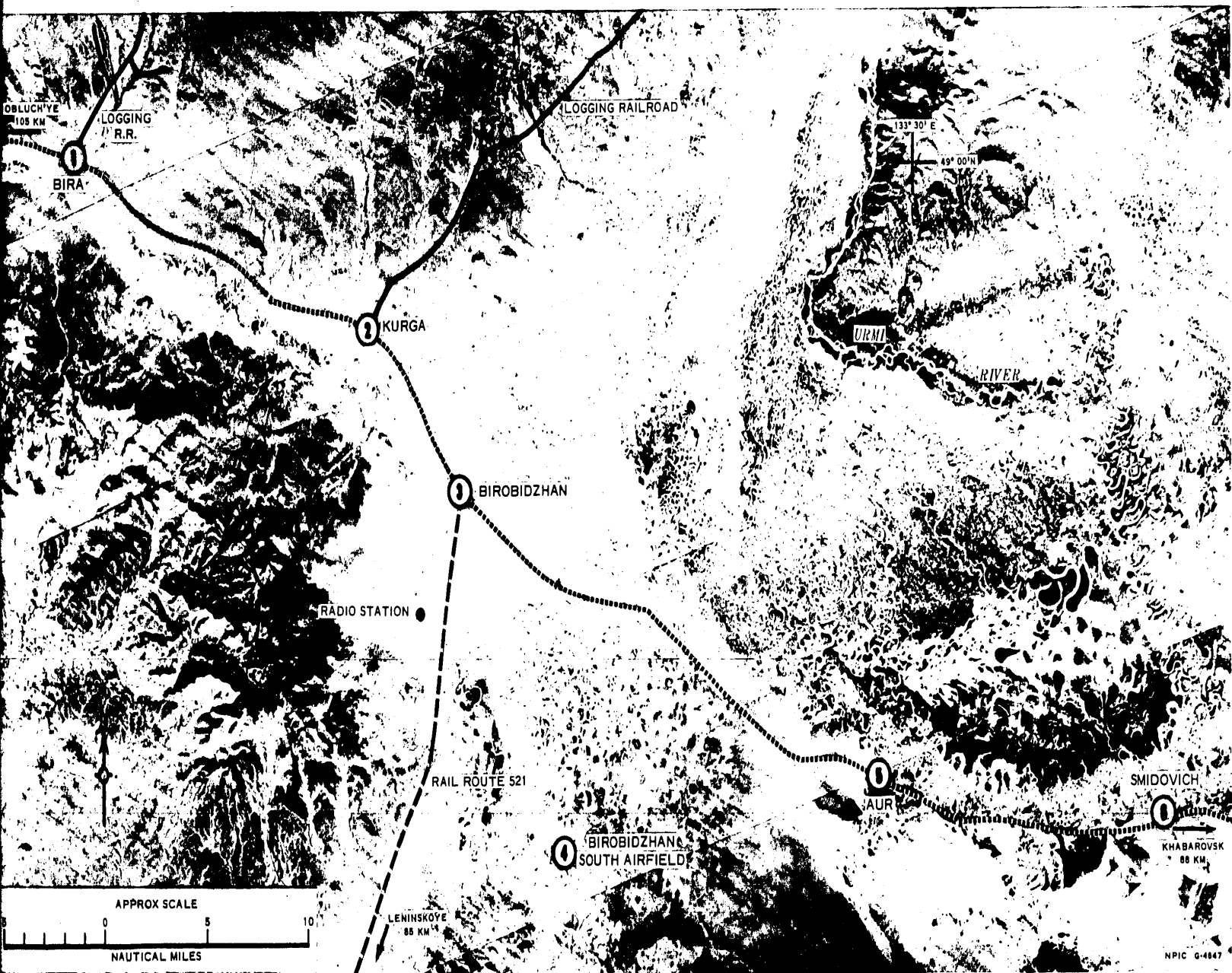


FIGURE 2. BIRA-SMIDOVICH SECTION OF TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILROAD, SOVIET FAR EAST.

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Civil airfield [redacted] Small, sod-surface landing area, 1,800 by 1,400 feet (see SAC DPIR-C49-58, Aug 58, TSC).

25X1

Railroad yards and shops [redacted]

25X1

25X1

Radio broadcasting facility [redacted]

25X1

Military barracks, ordnance and ammunition depot, storage and training areas [redacted]

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**4. BIROBIDZHAN
SOUTH AIRFIELD**

Military airfield [redacted] Two concrete runways, each 3,000 feet long. On 1958 TALENT photography, the airfield area was snow covered, and at that time was reported to be abandoned and inactive (see SAC DPIR-C50-58, Aug 58, TSC). However, on the later KEYHOLE photography, the runways were cleared of snow and the airfield appeared active.

5. AUR

Large rail-served storage area. A rail spur, 1 km long, leads to a large, 4,000- by 700-foot, open storage and warehouse area, traversed by 5-7 rail tracks.

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6. SMIDOVICH

Railroad yard and shops [redacted]

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